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Sir:

Supplemental to the Information Disclosure Statement filed for this application on August 21, 2001, applicant provides the Examiner with the following documents for consideration under Rule 1.97(b)(3), being filed prior to the first Office Action on the merits.

US PATENT/DOCUMENT		
PATENT/DOCUMENT NO.	DATE	NAME
4,338,226	July 6, 1982	Worschech et al.
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ARTICLES		
A Novel Initiation Process for the Nonoxidative Thermal Dehydrochlorination of Poly(vinyl chloride): Apparent Intermediacy of a Cyclic Chloronium Ion by Starnes et al., Polymer Preprints (American Chemical Society, Division of Polymer Chemistry), 21 (2), pp.138-139, 1980.		
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Copies of the publications are included for the express purpose of providing the Patent and Trademark Office with an ample opportunity to evaluate the same and to arrive at an independent assessment of their materiality, if any, with regard to the examination of the application.

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